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This Week at the Statehouse

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Around the Square

Redistricting on the Agenda

Senate President Larry Obhof announced congressional redistricting will receive a push from lawmakers as they return to work in 2018. The Senate will hold session beginning January 17th, and Obhof commented a bipartisan resolution to revamp the congressional redistricting process will likely be introduced within the next two weeks. Also on the agenda for the first few months of 2018 will be energy issues, according to the Senate President.

State Board of Education

The State Board of Education is expected to meet next week to vote to extend the graduation options available to the Class of 2018. The meetings on the 8th, 9th and 10th will also have the board voting on a resolution to create a working group to review and recommend changes to the state report card. The board will additionally hold strategy sessions on these days to discuss student supports, school climate and culture, and early learning.

Political News and Notes

Tiberi Announces Last Day

U.S. Rep Pat Tiberi will officially leave his position on January 15th. Looking to fill his seat on the Republican side is Senator Kevin Bacon, Senator Troy Balderson, and Brandon Grisez. On the Democratic side is John Russell, Ed Albertson, John Peters, Doug Wilson and former Franklin County Sheriff Zach Scott. A date for the special election has not been set.

Schiavoni Announces Running Mate

Senator Joe Schiavoni announced he has selected State Board of Education member Stephanie Dodd as his running mate for his candidacy for Governor. Schiavoni is the first Democratic candidate to announce a running mate. He is facing off against former U.S. Rep. Betty Sutton, Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, ex-Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Richard Cordray, former state Rep. Connie Pillich and Ohio Supreme Court Justice Bill O'Neill for the Democratic nomination.

Judge Announces Candidacy for Ohio Supreme Court

Judge Michael P. Donnelly of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court announced Wednesday his candidacy for one of two upcoming openings on the Ohio Supreme Court this year. He is the first Democrat to announce. With Justice O'Neill's plans uncertain, Judge Donnelly has pulled petitions for both openings and will decide which position to run for once the filing deadline gets closer.

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